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From the Director's Desk

The NOAA Corps nominations have been placed on the desk of the Secretary of the Senate. The Senate must give its advice and consent before they are returned to the White House to be approved by the President. The promotion list will then be forwarded back to the Department of Commerce. Once I receive notification that the promotion list has been received by the Department, I will forward commissions, to be signed by the Secretary, for all appointments and promotions based on the vacancies in each grade.

One more time... no officer may be promoted to a higher permanent grade on the active list until the officer has passed a satisfactory mental and physical examination in accordance with a regulations prescribed by the Secretary. Please forward all physical examinations (physical and dental) to CPC as soon as possible.

Commander Jonathan W. Bailey, NOAA Director, Commissioned Personnel Center

WINTER UNIFORM OF THE DAY

The winter uniform of the day for Washington, D.C.; Seattle, WA; Norfolk, VA; Boulder, CO; and Tampa, FL, areas is described below:

Washington, DC October 4, 2004 Prescribed: Service Dress Blue

Alternate: Service Khaki

The prescribed uniform for officers working at the Herbert C. Hoover Building, conducting official business in non-NOAA facilities, and conducting official business on Capitol Hill will be Service Dress Blue without substitutions and regardless of command. The prescribed uniform for officers attending or testifying at Congressional Hearings is Service Dress Blue.

Seattle, WA October 4, 2004 Prescribed: Service Dress Blue

Alternate: Winter Blue, Service Khaki

The prescribed uniform is worn for special occasions and meetings when participants are wearing civilian business suits. Working Khaki is authorized only in the appropriate shipboard or field environment, and when traveling directly to and from work. Foul weather gear, coveralls, and command ball caps may be worn with the working khaki uniform as weather and circumstances dictate.

Norfolk, VA October 18, 2004 Prescribed: Service Dress Blue

Alternate: Service Khaki/Winter Blue

Boulder, CO October 4, 2004 Prescribed: Service Dress Blue

Alternate: Service Khaki/Winter Blue

Tampa, FL year round Prescribed: Flight Suits (aviation officers)

Alternate: Service Khaki

Prescribed: Service Khaki (non-aviation officers)

Alternate: Summer White

All NOAA Corps officers shall wear the uniform properly and adhere to appearance standards in the NOAA Corps Uniform Directives. Female officers may wear slacks with these uniforms.

UNIFORM AND AWARDS BOARD

The Director, NOAA Corps has reappointed the Uniform and Awards Board. The members will serve on the Board until February 1, 2005. The members are listed below.

Lieutenant Commander Raymond C. Slagle, Chair Lieutenant Commander Stacy L. Birk-Risheim Lieutenant Cecile R. Daniels Lieutenant (JG) Thomas J. Peltzer Commissioned Personnel Center's Awards and Medals Custodian

The next Uniform and Awards Board will convene on September 30, 2004.

INSIGNIA, MEDALS, RIBBONS AND ATTACHMENTS TO RIBBON BARS

Effective 1 October 2004, all replacement Insignia, Medals, Ribbons, and Attachments to Ribbon Bars will no longer be available to officers at no cost. These items will be available for purchase through the Association of Commissioned Officers (ACO) Insignia Custodian, LT Anne Lynch. The Commissioned Personnel Center will continue to issue the initial insignia, ribbons, and medal sets. An updated ACO Insignia/Medal/Ribbon order form will be posted on the CPC website on or about 1 October 2004. Please direct any questions to LT Lynch at 301-713-3453 or Anne.Lynch@noaa.gov.

VOTING ASSISTANCE

The Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP) is responsible for administering the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act (UOCAVA) on behalf of the

Secretary of Defense who is the Presidential designee for the Federal functions of the law. UOCAVA requires that the states and territories allow Uniformed Service members and their dependents to register and vote absentee in elections for Federal offices.

The FVAP's website at www.fvap.gov provides voting related information and resources for NOAA Corps officers. The website also provides downloadable forms and all of the FVAP's information and materials in electronic format. This includes the "Voting Assistance Guide", issues of the "Voting Information News" newsletter and releases, as well as links to Federal government agencies and Congress, various U. S. citizen organizations overseas, Secretaries of State/Directors of Elections, state and local government organizations and other pertinent sites containing election information. E-mail access to the FVAP staff is provided directly through vote@fvap.ncr.gov.

The Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) (SF-76) for Absentee Registration and Ballot Request is for use by absentee voters. Most states also accept the on-line Federal Post Card Application which is available on the FVAP website.

Officers desiring more information or a hard copy of the Voting Assistance Guide should contact Neavaly Edoja at the Commissioned Personnel Center, 301-713-3453 or Neavaly.Edoja@noaa.gov.

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